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NECROLOGY.

JOHN EUGENE DAVIES,

OF MADISON, WIS.

John Eugene Davies was born in Clarkstown, N. Y., on April the 4th, 1839. When he was two years old his parents moved to New York City, remaining there till 1855. They then removed to Wisconsin.

In 1859, young Davies entered Lawrence University at Appleton, Wisconsin, as a Sophomore, graduating three years later, with honors in mathematics.

The study of medicine, then begun by him, was interrupted by Lincoln's call for "300,000 more." Enlisting at once he served through the war without a day's furlough. Of his war experiences he rarely if ever talked, seeming to have a horror of it all. I have heard him speak most strongly of war's brutalizing influences.

After the war he resumed the study of medicine, graduating from the Chicago Medical College in the Spring of 1868. In the Fall of the same year, he accepted a call to the chair of Natural History and Chemistry in the University of Wisconsin. In 1874 he became Professor of Astronomy and Physics; in 1878, Professor of Physics; in 1891, Professor of Electricity and Magnetism and Mathematical Physics. This chair he held until his death. During the interim between the resignation of Prof. Holden and the appointment of Prof. Comstock, Dr. Davies had charge of the Washburn Observatory.

Many of his summers were spent in the geodetic survey of Southwestern Wisconsin, he having charge of a party of the U. S. Coast Survey.

He was a member of the Wisconsin Academy of Sciences, Arts, and Letters and of the American Mathematical Society.

He was married in 1866 to Miss Anna Burt, of Chicago. Some years after her death he was married to Miss Olive M. Thayer, of Madison. A child by his first wife died in infancy. His second wife and her child survive him.

Such is the brief outline of his busy life. In it there is evidence of versatility. Those, however, who had the good fortune to be under him and to work with him know how much more he was than versatile. His breadth of perception and keenness and justness of vision were alike remarkable. He was an inspiring teacher, and many, I among them, owe to him a first start in what was to become a life's work; more than that, owe to him, indeed, their ideal of what a teacher should be. Enthusiastic in his subject, he was yet kind and patient with the student, always ready to explain difficulties and to suggest further lines of work.

In a day when the mere specialists are crowding us on every hand, pleasant is it to bear in mind one who, though a specialist, was none the less a many-sided man, with warm sympathy for all science, for all truth, for all that is highest and noblest and best in human achievement and ideals.

ELLERY W. DAVIS.

Lincoln, Neb., May 23, 1900.

HENRY H. DOUBLEDAY,

OF WASHINGTON, D. C.

On Sept. 19, 1899, the American Microscopical Society lost one of its most efficient members. Mr. Doubleday was first observed to be ill on Sunday evening, Sept. 17, during a meeting of one of the musical organizations with which he was connected, and soon after was removed to Garfield Hospital, where he died on Tuesday evening.

Mr. Doubleday was born in Binghampton, N. Y., sixty-five years ago, and came to Washington in 1864, securing employ-